



**NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

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4649 Hawley Boulevard San Diego, CA. 92116

**Minutes for Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:00pm until approximately 8:00pm**

Board Attendance (X means “present”):

X	Gary Weber	X	Linda Case	X	Mark Lawler
X	Gautam Dey		Richard Valentine	X	Scott Kessler
X	Jim Baross (VC)	X	Alison Flynn (C)	X	John Hartley
X	Eric Tamayo	X	Nancy Lawler		Vacancy
X	Dan Soderberg	X	Alberto Foglia (T)	X	Adam Deutsch (S)

C=Chair; VC= Vice Chair; T= Treasurer; S=Secretary

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**Call to Order**

Election of Officers – conducted by open ballot vote among board members before the regular meeting. New Officers assume responsibility upon completion of the balloting.

Alison is Chair by unanimous vote; Jim is VC; Adam is Secretary; Alberto will be Treasurer.

**Call to Order - Start of regular NHCPG Meeting**

1. Introduction of planning group members and audience
2. Agenda Setting (*Note: items may be addressed out of listed order*). Jim asked to be reimbursed \$5 for our Zoom Access. We will add that to the Aug. Meeting
3. Approval of February meeting minutes – Adam Deutsch. M/S: Jim/Alberto: Unanimous approval.
4. Treasurer’s final report – Caroline McKeown. \$2085.99 is in our balance. She will be in touch with Alberto about the role of Treasurer.

**Public Comment**

5. Non-agenda public comment may be limited to two minutes per person
  - a) Jim talked about how much biking has increased in the pandemic around our neighborhood.
  - b) Gautam needed the agenda, and Adam provided it via the Zoom chat.
  - c) Caroline wanted to ask how we would suggest dealing with parking in the alley way. Brett followed up on that. As did Adam. There is one officer who is responsible for enforcement from Park Ave all the way to 70<sup>th</sup> St.

## Reports

6. Government Representatives
7. Community Groups
  - a) Randy Wilde from Assemblymember Todd Gloria's office: they're in late stages of the legislative cycle, moving bills between the assembly and the senate.  
 There is more money to address the population without homes, and other policies. Here is a link to Gloria's latest newsletter: Highlights to AB2576 and AB1196 and AB1506. There have been some changes and challenges with the DMV and the EDD offices in the COVID-19 world.  
 Jim asked about state guidelines for school's reopening. Randy said that it's an on-going conversation and there are guidelines available from the state. Alison asked about the recent federal decision to deport international students who cannot take face-to-face classes. Randy suggests we'll see a response on that shortly.
  - b) Brett Weise from Councilmember Chris Ward's office: From the Mayor as of today, businesses can create outdoor seating without going through the normal approval process to expand into the right-of-way & sidewalk use, and reduced street closure fees.  
  
 There are new ballot measure approved for November about a Police Misconduct Board as well as a Citizen's Review Board, and a ballot measure about...  
  
 There is also support for rent relief and the eviction moratorium is ongoing.  
  
 Alison asked about the Covid Relief funds, and if there is any left over. Brett says it's all been allocated.  
  
 Alberto asked about the increase to the SDPD budget. It was organized long before the budget was approved, and Brett explained some of the details and history of it. Adam commented that there was a lot of public comment on the budget vote meeting, and he hopes that people who are activated in those moments *remain* activated in the longer term processes that lead up to the nights of budget votes.
  - c) Adams Avenue Business Association: None present.
  - d) El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association: None present.
  - e) NH Community Association: Ally Welborn apologized that the summer

- movies can't be happening.
- f) NH Urban Arts: None present.
  - g) Adams Rec. Advisory Group: No meeting have happened, but she added a place for meeting notices of meetings for the future. Joint use spaces are closed right now, because the schools are closed. But we would like more details about how the joint uses spaces are being resolved to support both the community and the district.

#### **Action Items – Draft letters (attached) required per adopted motions**

- 8. Enhanced staff support to planning groups per Grand Jury and City Audit reports at a cost of up to 1M per year to become more informed about Complete Communities type of plan amendments, CPC action – Baross & Weber.
- 9. Westside options for Caltrans property adjacent to I-805 – Linda Case
- 10. NH & JA joint use to insure community access during non-school hours
- 11. Identifying key undergrounding issues and timeline
- 12. Ward Canyon final design: scale and location of dog park, garden, event stage, ball fields, parking

Gary gave us a run-down of all these actions, since he placed them on the agenda.

Jim moves that we approve letters as drafted by Gary & Adam.

Gautam mentions that there's nothing to do here.

Adam explained that if people could prepare actions in advance, that would make it easier to consider them in live meetings.

No vote was taken, as the motions were approved last meeting. Letters will be sent by the secretary before the August meeting.

Gary reminds us that we must take actions and do things, and the city will hopefully listen to us and take meaningful action.

#### **Discussion Items**

- 13. Establishing committees – Recommending standing committee for undergrounding, Gerald is not here tonight. Jim and Gary will continue to talk about it.
- 14. Parks: Caroline is joining that workgroup with Linda and John. Linda spoke about potential park space along the 805 north of Adams, and on a trail down to Fenton Parkway, accessible from somewhere near 33<sup>rd</sup> and Mountainview or Ellison Place.
- 15. Mobility: traffic calming on Adams Avenue and elsewhere— Alberto Foglia. Jim and Alberto are meeting on that sporadically. They drafted a mission statement (include here).
- 16. Grant submission to restripe Mountain View Drive – Jim Baross. Jim gave a summary on that.
- 17. Stadium site status & Fenton Parkway connection
- 18. Meade bikeway lighting intensity: Adam observed new lights at Bancroft and Meade, as part of the SANDAG bike plan, but Gary mentions that the lights being installed are not very aesthetically pleasing. Caroline has observed that

the lights are excessively bright and could be disturbing residents.

Go check out the lights. Maybe Danny Veeh should come give us an update. We'll check on what lights are obnoxious and discuss it at next month's meeting. We'll make feedback an action item for next month.

#### **Information Items**

19. Nobody showed up to give us any information.

#### **8:06 Adjournment**

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